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TAGS: MPOL, MNUC, PARM, PROP, FI, UR  
SUBJECT: SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER RAISES NEUTRON BOMB ISSUE IN  
SPEECH CELEBRATING 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOVIET/FINNISH PACT

REF: HELSINKI 889 (NOTAL),

1. SUMMARY: THE MAIN EVENT OF THE CELEBRATIONS MARKING  
THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FINNISH/SOVIET TREATY OF  
FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE (FCMA)  
WAS HELD AT FINLANDIA HOUSE IN HELSINKI ON APRIL 4 (THE  
ACTUAL ANNIVERSARY DATE OF THE SIGNING OF THE TREATY IS  
APRIL 6). PRESIDENT URHO KEKKONEN AND SOVIET FOREIGN  
MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO GAVE THE MAJOR PRESENTATIONS AT  
THE FINLANDIA HOUSE CELEBRATIONS. THE BULK OF BOTH SPEECHES  
WAS DEVOTED TO A POSITIVE REVIEW OF FINNISH/SOVIET RELATIONS  
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UNDER THE FCMA TREATY. PRESIDENT KEKKONEN MADE ONLY  
A FLEETING AND GENERALIZED REFERENCE TO CURRENT DETENTE  
ISSUES. HOWEVER, GROMYKO DEVOTED ABOUT ONE-FIFTH OF HIS  
SPEECH TO CRITICIZING PLANS FOR PRODUCING THE NEUTRON WEAPON  
AND RECOUNTING THE USSR PROPOSAL TO THE UNITED STATES  
FOR AN AGREEMENT PROHIBITING THE PRODUCTION, ACCUMULATION,  
DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF THE NEUTRON WEAPON. HE

STATED HIS HOPE THAT THE USA AND OTHER NEGOTIATION PARTNERS WOULD TAKE A REASONABLE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE SOVIET SUGGESTION. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION THAT FINLAND OPPOSES ACTIVELY PLANS AIMING AT THE PRODUCTION OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPON AND THAT FINLAND SUPPORTS THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR TALKS ON A BILATERAL AGREEMENT PROHIBITING THE NEUTRON WEAPON. THIS MESSAGE QUOTES THAT PART OF THE GROMYKO SPEECH DEALING WITH THE NEUTRON WEAPON. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESIDENT KEKKONEN'S SPEECH REVIEWED THE ORIGINS OF THE FCMA TREATY AND PRAISED THE BENEFIT THAT THE TREATY HAS BROUGHT TO FINLAND. HE GAVE CONSIDERABLE EMPHASIS TO THE GROWING SIGNIFICANCE OF FINNISH/ SOVIET ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN RECENT YEARS. HE MADE ONLY A BRIEF REFERENCE TO CONTEMPORARY INTERNATIONAL DETENTE ISSUES, PRAISING THE CSCE PROCESS AND CITING THE BELGRADE MEETING AS CONCLUSIVELY DEMONSTRATING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE SIGNED IN HELSINKI. HE SAID THAT THE QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE ARMS RACE PRESENTS A GRAVE PERIL TO MANKIND AND DECLARED THAT "WHILE FINLAND OPPOSES ALL MEASURES WHICH FURTHER INTENSIFY THE ARMS RACE, SHE IS FOR HER PART READY TO DO WHAT SHE CAN TO SPUR DISARMAMENT EFFORTS".

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3. FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO ALSO DEVOTED THE BULK OF HIS SPEECH TO PRAISING THE FCMA TREATY. HOWEVER, IN THE LATTER PART OF HIS SPEECH HE REFERRED AT SOME LENGTH TO THE NEUTRON BOMB ISSUE. PARAGRAPH FOUR PRESENTS AN INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF GROMYKO'S STATEMENTS CONCERNING NEUTRON BOMB.

4. BEGIN TRANSLATION "OUR COUNTRY DOES NOT TIRE OF REPEATING THAT THE SECURING OF GENERAL PEACE DEPENDS ABOVE ALL ON PRACTICAL MEASURES AIMED AT RESTRAINING THE ARMS RACE. ONE CAN SAY EVEN MORE - THIS TASK HAS ATTAINED A PARTICULARLY TIMELY NATURE IN THE PRESENT SITUATION. ALL THOSE FOR WHOM PEACE IS A PRECIOUS CAUSE CANNOT AVOID BECOMING CONCERNED ABOUT STATEMENTS FROM SOME COUNTRIES WHICH INDICATE THAT SOME ARE VERY WILLING TO START A NEW PHASE IN THE ARMS RACE, EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE ENTIRE MOUNTAINS OF WEAPONS, AS ONE COULD SAY, IN THE WORLD ALREADY. ISN'T IT CLEAR THAT THE ASPIRATION TO OBTAIN A MONOPOLY OF SOME TYPE OF WEAPON IS A NAIVE CALCULATION? THE ONLY THING TO WHICH IT MIGHT LEAD IS A MORE EXPENSIVE LEVEL IN THE ARMS RACE AND, WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT, TO A MORE DANGEROUS LEVEL FOR THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND FOR THE

SECURITY OF ALL PEOPLES. THE DANGEROUS NATURE OF THE

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PLANS AIMING AT THE START OF THE PRODUCTION OF THE  
NEUTRON WEAPON - THIS PARTICULARLY CRUEL WEAPON FOR  
A MASSIVE DESTRUCTION OF PEOPLE - HAS TO BE PARTICULARLY  
EMPHASIZED IN THIS CONNECTION. IT IS KNOWN THAT THE  
PURPOSE OF THESE PLANS IS WORSENERED, AS FAR AS THE  
EUROPEAN STATES ARE CONCERNED, BY THE FACT THAT IT IS  
INTENDED TO STATION THE NEUTRON WEAPON IN DENSELY  
POPULATED WESTERN EUROPE. IT IS PROBABLY CLEAR TO  
EVERYBODY THAT NO NATIONAL BARRIERS ARE ABLE TO GIVE  
PROTECTION AGAINST THE NEUTRON-NUCLEAR WEAPON IN THE  
CASE OF AN OUTBREAK OF A NUCLEAR WAR. THE  
MOVEMENT OPPOSING THE NEUTRON BOMB HAS IN FACT ATTAINED  
A GLOBAL NATURE PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT  
THIS PROBLEM TOUCHES WITHOUT EXCEPTION THE VITAL  
INTERESTS OF ALL PEOPLES. THE SOVIET UNION HAS SUGGESTED  
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TO THE UNITED STATES A SIMPLE AND CLEAR SOLUTION  
OF THIS QUESTION: ONE HAS TO REACH AN AGREEMENT  
ACCORDING TO WHICH BOTH PARTIES REFUSE  
TO PRODUCE THE NEUTRON WEAPON. WE, TOGETHER WITH OUR  
SOCIALIST FRIENDS AND ALLIES, HAVE MADE IN THE PROPER  
DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE A NEW IMPORTANT INITIATIVE: WE HAVE  
PRESENTED A DRAFT AGREEMENT ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE  
PRODUCTION, ACCUMULATION, DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF THE  
NEUTRON BOMB. ONE WOULD HOPE THAT THE USA AND THE OTHER  
NEGOTIATION PARTNERS WOULD TAKE A RESPONSIBLE ATTITUDE  
TOWARD THIS SUGGESTION. THEY SHOULD MAKE CLEAR FOR  
THEMSELVES IN WASHINGTON AND IN THE CAPITALS OF  
OTHER STATES THAT A DECISION ON THE PRODUCTION OF THE  
NEUTRON BOMB IS NOT A PRIVATE MATTER OF ONE PARTICULAR  
COUNTRY, BUT THAT IT IS THE QUESTION OF THE FATES  
OF ENTIRE MANKIND. WE APPRECIATE GREATLY THE FACT  
THAT FINLAND OPPOSES ACTIVELY THE PLANS AIMING AT THE  
PRODUCTION OF THE NEUTRON WEAPON AND ITS STATIONING IN  
EUROPE, AND THAT IT SUPPORTS THE PROPOSAL FOR A BILATERAL  
AGREEMENT TO REFUSE TO PRODUCE THE NEUTRON WEAPON." END  
TRANSLATION.

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